WRITING PROMPT #3
Your city council is considering a proposal that would ban the use of cell phones in privately owned businesses such as restaurants, movie theaters, and retail stores. Violators would be subject to a fine. What is your position on this issue? Write a letter in which you convince the city council to support your position, giving strong evidence for your reasons.
Write at least two pages.

Unit 9

COMPREHENSIVE PRACTICE TEST

Reading, Revising and Editing, and Writing

Practice Test Answer Sheet

Fill in the circle completely for the answer choice you think is best.

Reading Skills	Revising and Editing Skills	
1. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ	6. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ	11. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ
2. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ	7. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ	12. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ
3. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ	8. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ	13. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ
4. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ	9. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ	14. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ
5. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ	10. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ	15. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ
		16. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ

Reading Skills

Passage-Based Reading (5 Minutes—5 Questions)

DIRECTIONS: Read the following passage from Willa Cather's novel *One of Ours*. Answer the questions that follow. Answer the questions using what is stated or implied in the passage.

People recognized Nat Wheeler and his cart a mile away. He sat massive and comfortable, weighing down one end of the slanting seat, his driving hand lying
5 on his knee. Even his German neighbours, the Yoeders, who hated to stop work for a quarter of an hour on any account, were glad to see him coming. The merchants in the little towns about the county missed him
10 if he didn't drop in once a week or so. He was active in politics; never ran for an office himself, but often took up the cause of a friend and conducted his campaign for him. The French saying, "Joy of the street,
15 sorrow of the home," was exemplified in Mr. Wheeler, though not at all in the French way. His own affairs were of secondary importance to him. In the early days he had homesteaded and bought and leased enough
20 land to make him rich. Now he had only to rent it out to good farmers who liked to work—he didn't, and of that he made no secret. When he was at home, he usually sat upstairs in the living room, reading
25 newspapers. He subscribed for a dozen or more—the list included a weekly devoted to scandal—and he was well informed about what was going on in the world. He had magnificent health, and illness in himself
30 or in other people struck him as humorous. To be sure, he never suffered from anything more perplexing than toothache or boils, or an occasional bilious attack.
    Wheeler gave liberally to churches and
35 charities, was always ready to lend money or machinery to a neighbour who was short

of anything. He liked to tease and shock diffident people, and had an inexhaustible supply of funny stories. Everybody marveled
40 that he got on so well with his oldest son, Bayliss Wheeler. Not that Bayliss was exactly diffident, but he was a narrow gauge fellow, the sort of prudent young man one wouldn't expect Nat Wheeler to like.

1. Which statement is not supported by the excerpt?
   A. Nat Wheeler was a charitable man.
   B. Wheeler had once been wealthy but was now reliant on collecting rent.
   C. Nat Wheeler did not enjoy working.
   D. Wheeler was always the picture of good health.

2. Which best summarizes the author's purpose in this passage?
   A. to give a detailed description of the character of Nat Wheeler
   B. to suggest reasons for the animosity between Wheeler and his son
   C. to compare and contrast Wheeler with other men of the region
   D. to foreshadow a looming controversy involving Nat Wheeler

3. In line 42, in the context of this excerpt, what do you think is meant by "narrow gauge"?
   A. amicable
   B. enviable
   C. careful
   D. conceited

4. Which statement best describes the relationship between Wheeler and his son?
   A. Despite their differences, they have a healthy relationship.
   B. These two people have different traits and lead different lives.
   C. There is probably some animosity between Bayliss and Nat Wheeler.
   D. The prudish Bayliss is considered the black sheep of the family.

5. In this excerpt, the character of Nat Wheeler is revealed primarily through which characterization technique?
   A. direct: what Nat Wheeler says and does
   B. direct: the details the author provides in describing Nat Wheeler
   C. indirect: Bayliss's relationship with his father
   D. indirect: the relationship between Wheeler and his neighbors

Revising and Editing Skills

Improving Paragraphs (5 Minutes—5 Questions)

DIRECTIONS: Some parts of the following passage need to be rewritten. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow. Some questions are about particular sentences or parts of sentences and ask you to improve sentence structure or word choice. Other questions ask you to consider the organization and development of the paragraph. In choosing answers, follow the requirements of standard written English.

(1) I decided in late spring to travel eastward through northern Ohio, to Pittsburgh and to Philadelphia, where my parents had gone to college. (2) I went along Interstate 80 <u>with relative ease, stopping occasionally, for many miles,</u> just to feel like a stranger. (3) I bought apples near South Bend and lunched in some little place. (4) The name escapes me. (5) I spent the night in downtown Cleveland and ate what was identified as "Cincinnati-style chili." (6) I am positive that no one—neither the man at the counter nor the cook—looked directly at me.

(7) In the morning, a calm breeze sauntered in from Lake Erie. (8) I managed to find some chorizo and eggs for breakfast and then got back on the highway. (9) I drive pretty fast. (10) So I was in Pittsburgh in under two hours. (11) My grandfather had held some vague position with a railroad company here. (12) I looked around for something that might remind me of him or my

father or any of the stories I remembered from my youth. (13) But I didn't recognize anything. (14) I had never been to Pittsburgh. (15) And for all the rivers, I could not find my way around. (16) At one point, I thought there would have been 20 rivers in that city. (17) It was worse than Chicago.

6. In context, which is the best revision to the underlined portion of sentence 2?
   A. with relative ease, stopping occasionally, for many miles,
   B. with relative ease, stopping, occasionally, for many miles,
   C. with relative ease for many miles, stopping occasionally,
   D. easily, for many miles, stopping occasionally,

7. Sentence 4 makes the most sense placed after which sentence?
   A. sentence 1
   B. sentence 2
   C. sentence 3
   D. sentence 5

8. Which of the following would be the most suitable sentence to insert immediately before sentence 6?
   A. The apples were not in season.
   B. It took me nearly an hour to find a restaurant that was still open.
   C. The potholes made the highway treacherous.
   D. The restaurant was not what you would call hospitable.

9. Which statement best describes sentences 9 and 10?
   A. Sentences 9 and 10 should be combined.
   B. Sentence 9 should be deleted.
   C. Sentence 10 should be deleted.
   D. Sentence 9 should restate a point about the weather.

10. In context, which is the best revision to sentence 16?
    A. NO CHANGE
    B. At one point, I thought there must have been 20 rivers in that city.
    C. At one point, I thought there should be 20 rivers in that city.
    D. At one point, I think there would have been 20 rivers in that city.

Improving Sentences (6 Minutes—6 Questions)

DIRECTIONS: The following sentences test correctness and effectiveness of expression. Part of each sentence or the entire sentence is underlined; beneath each sentence are five ways of phrasing the underlined material. Select the choice that you feel produces a better sentence. Choice A repeats the original phrasing. Select choice A if you believe the original phrasing produces a better sentence than the alternatives. Pay attention to grammar, sentence construction, word choice, and punctuation. Your selection should result in the most effective sentence.

11. No sooner did the tyranny of Hitler's regime end than the Cold War would have its beginning.
    A. the Cold War would have its beginning.
    B. the Cold War would begin.
    C. the Cold War had its beginning.
    D. the Cold War began.

12. Although he never won the Nobel Peace Prize Mohandas Gandhi was nominated five times.
    A. Nobel Peace Prize Mohandas Gandhi
    B. Nobel Peace Prize, Mohandas Gandhi
    C. Nobel Peace Prize Mohandas Gandhi,
    D. Nobel Peace Prize, Mohandas Gandhi,

13. Philip Larkin's poem "Home Is So Sad" <u>incorporates</u> themes of alienation and solitude.
    A. incorporates
    B. exemplifies
    C. explores
    D. generalizes

14. <u>In 1972, Chinua Achebe published *Girls at War,*</u> a collection of short stories that illustrate relationships between and among Africans.
    A. In 1972, Chinua Achebe published *Girls at War,*
    B. In 1972 Chinua Achebe published *Girls at War,*
    C. In 1972, Chinua Achebe had published *Girls at War*
    D. By 1972, Chinua Achebe publishes *Girls at War,*

15. <u>Literature in the twentieth-century explored</u> topics of greater profundity.
    A. Literature in the twentieth-century explored
    B. Literature in the twentieth-century explores
    C. Literature in the twentieth century explored
    D. Literature in the twentieth century has explored

16. The examination of <u>human behavior and how people thought and acted</u> was a central focus of postmodern art and literature.
    A. human behavior and how people thought and acted
    B. human behavior and people's thoughts and actions
    C. human behavior and the ways people thought and acted
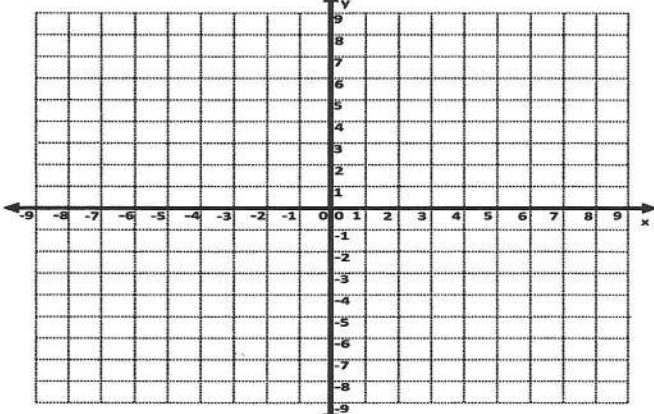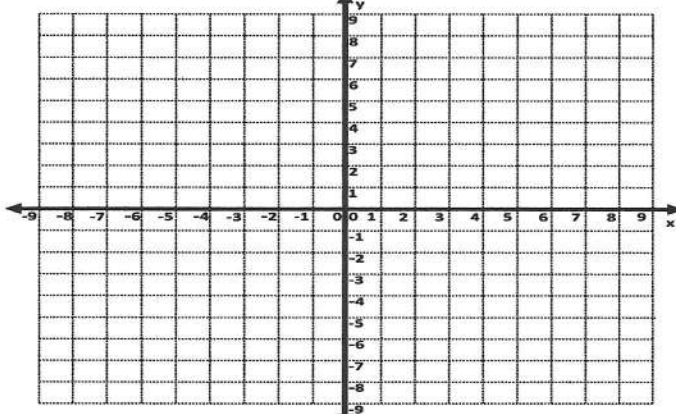   D. human behavior
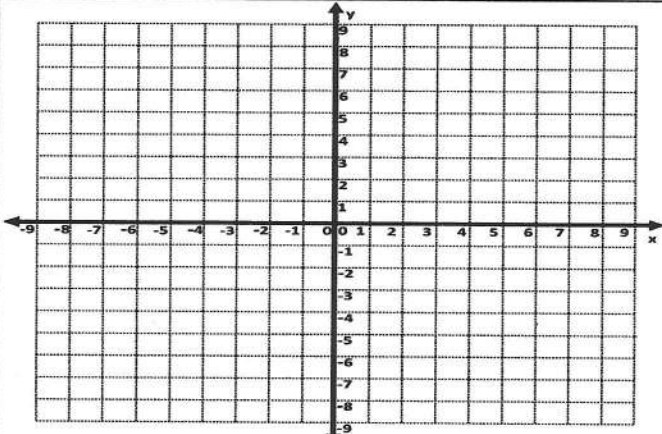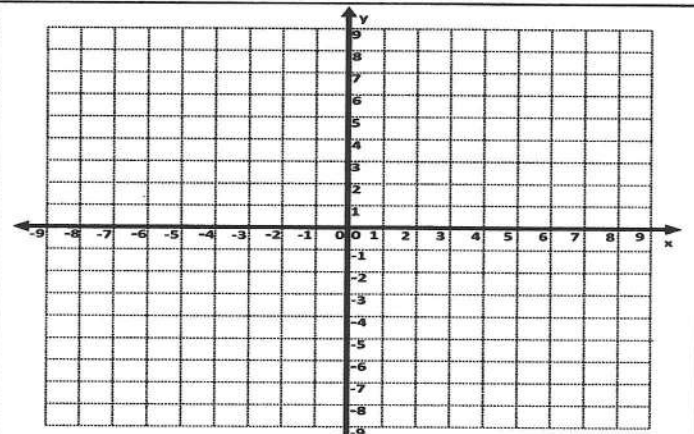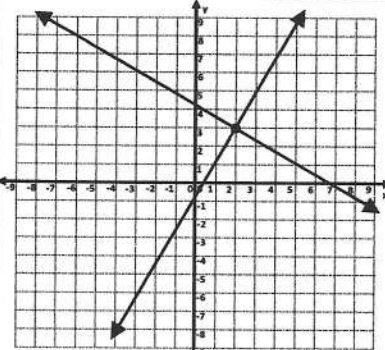
Writing Skills

Essay *(30 Minutes)*

DIRECTIONS: The essay provides you with the opportunity to show how well you can develop and express ideas. Take care to develop your point of view, present your ideas clearly, and use language precisely. Read the prompt carefully and write an essay in response to the prompt. Use a separate sheet of paper.

The recording industry has been deeply affected by the rise of the Internet. Despite the widespread practice of downloading music, file sharing remains a subject of debate and often results in lawsuits. Copyright restrictions have definite parameters but have always permitted "fair use" of copyrighted material. Most people download music for personal use, not to sell it to others. Still, so vast is the extent of free downloads that both retail stores and the recording industry find themselves losing money and losing control. Most file sharing or peer-to-peer networks involve copies of copyrighted music. Even so, many users contest that this network technology is legal and fair.

Assignment: Do peer-to-peer networks and file sharing infringe upon copyright laws? In the electronic age, what constitutes "fair use"? At what point does legal downloading and sharing end and taking something for nothing begin? How are the lines between legal and illegal downloading blurred? Plan and write an essay in which you explain your point of view on this topic. Support your opinion with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.

Algebra 1 Builder # 55

Name:_____

Parallel Perpendicular Lines	Write an equation of the line that passes through the given point and is <u>parallel</u> to the given line. (-5, 2) , $y + 3 = 2x$	Write an equation of the line that passes through the given point and is <u>perpendicular</u> to the given line. (8, -1) , $4y + 2x = 12$
Solve Systems of Equations	Solve the system of equations using the **Substitution Method**. Write the solution as an ordered pair. Then graph the lines below. $y - 5 = x$ $4x - y = 4$	Solve the system of equations using the **Elimination Method**. Write the solutions as an ordered pair. Then graph the lines below. $2x = y - 3$ $y = 2x + 12$
Graph Systems of Equations		
Inequalities	Solve the inequality, then graph! $7 - 3m + 3 + 5m > -12$ ⟵——————⟶	$-8n + 4 - 2n \le -5 + 3$ ⟵——————⟶

Word Problems	Write an equation of the line passing through the points (3, 4) and (2, 5).	Show your work!	**Geometric Sequence**	Write a rule for the nth term, where a_1 is the first term and r = common ratio. Then find a_n when n = 12 9, -18, 36, -72 …n^{th} $a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$

Exponent Rules	Simplify the following expressions: $(4a^{-9}c^2b^4)(-2a^{-5}bc^{-2})$

Algebra 1 Builder # 56

Name:_____

Parallel Perpendicular Lines

Write an equation of the line that passes through the given point and is **parallel** to the given line. $y = 3x - 4$, (2,7)

Write an equation of the line that passes through the given point and is **perpendicular** to the given line. $4x + y = 9$, (-2,9)

Solve Systems of Equations

Solve the system of equations using the **Substitution Method**. Write the solution as an ordered pair. Then graph the lines below.

$$y - 2x = -6$$
$$5x - y = 9$$

Solve the system of equations using the **Elimination Method**. Write the solutions as an ordered pair. Then graph the lines below.

$$2x - 4y = -8$$
$$2y = x + 4$$

Graph Systems of Equations

Inequalities

Solve the inequality, then graph.

$$-4(3x + 2) \geq 4x + 8$$

Word Problems

Which ordered pair is a solution of the linear system?

A. (-8, 5)   B. (2, 3)

C. (-2, -1)   D. (5, -2)

Geometric Sequence

Write a rule for the nth term, where a_1 is the first term and r = common ratio. Then find a_n when n = 6   6.5, 13, 26, 52   ...n^{th}

$$a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$$

Exponent Rules

Simplify the following expressions:

$$\left(\frac{2x^4}{x^3} \right)^3$$

Alternative Methods of Instruction
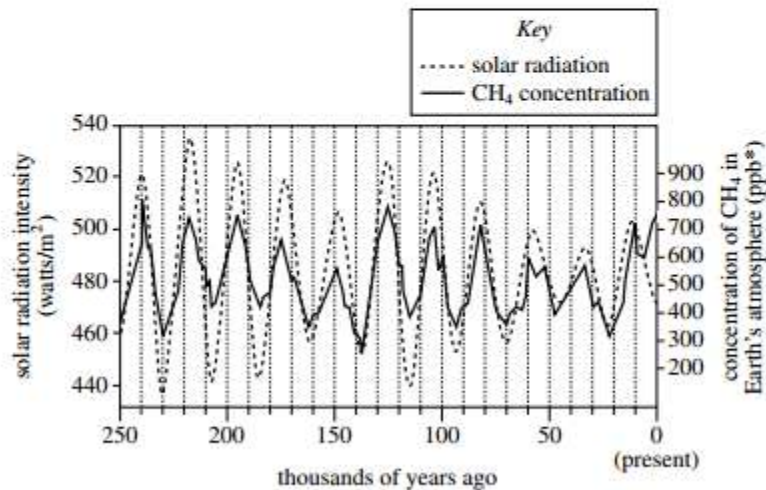
Day 3 Assignment

Science Grades 11-12

Name:

Passage III

Greenhouse gases such as methane (CH_4) warm Earth's climate. Figure 1 shows the concentration of CH_4 in Earth's atmosphere and the solar radiation intensity at Earth's surface for tropical Europe and Asia over the past 250,000 years. As the figure shows, the CH_4 concentration and the solar radiation intensity have increased and decreased at the same times over most of this period. Figure 2 shows the same types of data for the same region over the past 11,000 years. This figure is consistent with the hypothesis that the greenhouse gases from human activities may have begun warming Earth's climate thousands of years earlier than once thought.
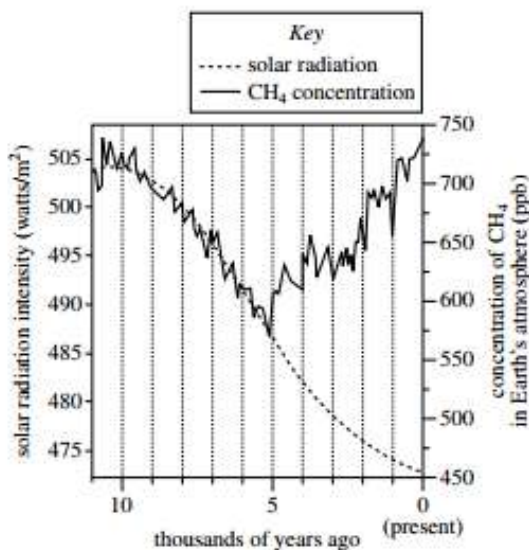

*ppb = parts per billion

Figure 1

Key

----- solar radiation

—— CH₄ concentration

Figure 2

Figures adapted from William Ruddiman, *Plows, Plagues & Petroleum.* ©2005 by Princeton University Press.

15. According to Figure 2, the solar radiation intensity 8,000 years ago was closest to which of the following?

    A. 490 watts/m²
    B. 495 watts/m²
    C. 500 watts/m²
    D. 505 watts/m²

16. According to Figure 2, if the trend in the CH₄ concentration had continued to match the trend in the solar radiation intensity, the CH₄ concentration at present would most likely be:

    F. less than 550 ppb.
    G. between 550 ppb and 600 ppb.
    H. between 600 ppb and 650 ppb.
    J. greater than 650 ppb.

17. Suppose that whenever the CH₄ concentration increases, a corresponding, immediate increase in average global temperature occurs, and that whenever the CH₄ concentration decreases, a corresponding, immediate decrease in average global temperature occurs. Based on Figure 2, which of the following graphs best represents a plot of average global temperature over the past 11,000 years?

18. Based on Figure 1, the average solar radiation intensity over the past 250,000 years was closest to which of the following?

    F. 400 watts/m²
    G. 440 watts/m²
    H. 480 watts/m²
    J. 520 watts/m²

19. One *solar radiation cycle* is the time between a maximum in the solar radiation intensity and the next maximum in the solar radiation intensity. According to Figure 1, the average length of a solar radiation cycle during the past 250,000 years was:

    A. less than 15,000 years.
    B. between 15,000 years and 35,000 years.
    C. between 35,000 years and 55,000 years.
    D. greater than 55,000 years.

20. Which of the following statements best describes the primary effect of CH₄ on Earth's climate?

    F. CH₄ gives off visible light to space, cooling Earth's climate.
    G. CH₄ gives off ultraviolet radiation to space, warming Earth's climate.
    H. CH₄ absorbs heat as it enters Earth's atmosphere from space, cooling Earth's climate.
    J. CH₄ absorbs heat that comes up from Earth's surface, warming Earth's climate.